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Shifting of the sandbar at Kasaragod.

* 170 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have any information regarding the shifting of the Kasaragod sandbar, South Kanara district, during the heavy rains in July 1953 and encroaching on the Kasaragod fishermen's area; and, if so, the extent of the damage caused and the steps taken by the Government to prevent further shifting?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The sandbar at Kasaragod had been gradually moving northward resulting in the slow erosion of the sea-shore lands. During the heavy rains in July 1953, Chandragiri river was in floods and the bar moved considerably towards north. When the floods in the river were slowly rising, the local officers, in consultation with the local people, proposed to cut open a new bar at a site selected in the south to avert the erosion and submersion of the lands in the locality. The local people also raised some funds and mustered labour for the purpose and actually attempted to cut open a new bar under the supervision of the Public Works Department and the Port authorities. By that time, the floods subsided. It is proposed to open the bar next year after consulting the Port authorities. There was no damage except the submersion of the site of the tannery building which was close to the mouth of the shifting bar. No other damage to life or property occurred."

Assignment of lands in Gingee taluk.

* 171 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the total number of applications for assignment of lands pending in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, on 31st August 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" One hundred and sixty-one."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" ஏன் இவ்வளவு கால தாமதம் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " Because 162 applications were disposed of."

Disciplinary action against the Engineer connected with the Kozhikode Water-supply Scheme.

* 172 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer to starred question No. 8 given on 9th March 1953 whether final orders have been passed in the case of the Engineer connected with the theft of lead in the matter of Kozhikode protected water-supply scheme; and if so, what orders?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :— " Yes. The Assistant Engineer concerned was dismissed from service with effect from 2nd June 1953."